Fort Polk Provost Marshal's Office (PMO) Handout

MP Desk: **531-COPS** (531-2677)

Provost Marshal: 531-7020

Deputy Provost Marshal: 531-2332

Operations Officer: 531-1486

Administration: 531-4003

Vehicle Registration: 531-0380

Civilian Liaison: 531-6812

Game Management: 531-5222

Operations Sergeant Major: 531-1294

Information is provided as an overview of operations concerning post and police policies. This information sheet is not all-inclusive. For further information regarding a specific section, contact the numbers above.

<u>Curfew</u>: There is a curfew for all persons under the age of 18, unless accompanied by a parent, on Fort Polk. This curfew is in effect from 2200 – 0600 SUN through THURS and 2400 – 0600 FRI, SAT and Holidays.

<u>Vehicle Registration/Access Control</u>: All vehicles on Fort Polk are required to have a DOD registration sticker or visitor's pass during operation on the post. Personnel that are authorized a permanent pass must properly register their vehicles within 72-hours. Vehicle Registration is located in BLDG# 1830, Central In and Out Processing, and is open from 0730 – 1630 MON, TUES, WED, FRI, and 1230 – 1900 THUR. Documents required are: Valid Driver's License, Registration, Proof of Insurance, and Safety card for Motorcycles.

Uniform Standards:

- a. Civilian Attire: Fort Polk Policy on uniform and appearance is applicable to all personnel assigned, visiting and working on Fort Polk. The policy is in accordance with AR 670-1 and defines Gang clothing styles as unauthorized. (see attached post policy)
- b. Bicycle Attire: Any individual operating a bicycle on Fort Polk will be required to wear a helmet and a reflective belt. If operating during hours of limited visibility the bicycle will be equipped with a white light on the front visible from a distance of 500 feet, and a red light on the rear.
 - c. Motorcycle Attire: Any individual operating a motorcycle on Fort Polk will be dressed as follows:
 - (1) Long sleeve shirt
 - (2) Pants
 - (3) Approved helmet
 - (4) Reflective belt or vest
 - (5) Boots or footgear that provide ankle protection
 - (6) Full finger gloves

<u>Driving under the Influence (DUI):</u> Still under revision

Drug Use: Still under revision

Noise Abatement: The Fort Polk policy on excessive noise is applicable to all persons residing, visiting, or working on Fort Polk, as well as all service members assigned, regardless of habitation on or off post. Sounds emitted from any type of source (i.e. car stereo, home radio, etc.) that are heard from a distance of more than 3 meters from the source are considered excessive. Persons found in violation of the policy are subject to punishment under UCMJ Art. 92 or Art.134 and/or applicable federal and state statutes (Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 14:103.1 1st offense: \$200, 2nd or more: \$500)

<u>Domestic Disputes</u>: All domestic disputes of a <u>physical</u> nature will incur a 72-hour "cool off" period, in which Commander's will remove the soldier member from the household. Attendance of a 4-hour Domestic Violence Containment Group meeting is mandated during the "cool off" period. If the domestic dispute is <u>not physical</u> in nature, the soldier's Commander may still impose the 72-hour "cool off" for safety concerns.

<u>Headlight Usage</u>: The State of Louisiana and Fort Polk mandate that all vehicles utilize headlights during times of limited visibility. These times are between sunset and sunrise (hours of darkness), when vehicles, personnel, or equipment are not clearly visible from 500 feet, and during moisture or rain that necessitates continual use of windshield wipers. The coloration of headlights is defined as emitting a "white high intensity forward light." This means that if your headlights are <u>not</u> white then you may be cited for not having headlights. (LRS 32:301 & LRS 32:303)

<u>Civil Liaison</u>: Civil Liaison is a section of the PMO that deals with civilian authorities. The civil liaison personnel assist civilian authorities with serving warrants of arrest to personnel assigned or living on Fort Polk. Civil Liaison also transports and handles soldiers that are classified as AWOL or deserters.

<u>Courtesy Rides</u>: Fort Polk recognizes the freedom and ability of soldiers to relax during off duty hours and social functions that involve alcohol. Sometimes these activities find soldiers unable to drive or obtain a ride through friends and Taxi services. To this extent, the PMO supports keeping soldiers safe by providing courtesy rides to soldiers. *This <u>does not</u> include personnel who have no military affiliation (i.e. civilian girlfriends/boyfriends)*. Quick availability is subject to Post security concerns and may be delayed. Courtesy Rides may be requested by calling 531-COPS.

<u>Quarters Watch/Barracks/Crime Prevention</u>: The PMO provides services to all personnel residing on Fort Polk. The mission to safeguard and protect does not quit when soldiers deploy or families go on vacation. Soldiers and Family members can request vacancy inspections and patrols when leaving for extended periods. A House Watch request sheet is available at the PMO. The PMO is located in BLDG #2396, on the corner of Mississippi and 22nd street.

<u>Community Police Bike Patrol</u>: The Provost Marshal's Office provides community relations police patrols in the form of the Community Bike patrol. This bike patrol can effectively communicate with residents easier and more personally. These patrols are located in the housing areas, designated by police markings on their equipment and uniforms. They operate Friday and Saturday, 1800 – 0200.